Japan Cop Denies Hand in JFK Probe

A Japanese police officer who was recently in the U.S. to study American law enforcement, Tuesday emphatically denied a U.S. news magazine report that he had cooperated in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's probe into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Atsuyuki Sasaki, 33, a staff member of the 1st Guard Section of the Police Agency, termed the report, published in U.S. News and World Report June 1, as "entirely groundless and untrue."

Sasaki said the magazine may have misunderstood him during a free discussion in Tokyo after his return home when he gave his views on the assassination.

Sasaki was quoted as having said he had been sent to the U.S. to participate in the FBI's investigation because Japanese authorities feared similar assassination attempts on noted persons in Japan.

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Note: "Sasaki" is error; should read "Sasa."

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